

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An integrated console controller, comprising:

a housing, capable of being hand-held, including a location capable of receiving a cartridge, the cartridge being capable of being inserted and removed;

control circuitry, coupled to the housing, having capabilities of a console and a controller, said control circuitry comprising:[:;]

a player input interface ~~coupled to the housing~~ for receiving input from a local user ~~to the control circuitry~~ to control actions associated with a multiplayer game;

~~an audio-visual input interface~~ audio/video interface for transmitting a signal to an external display device, wherein said signal comprises a video signal or a combination of a video signal and an audio signal, ~~coupled to the housing, for receiving input from the local user to the control circuitry to control audio or video characteristics of an external display device,~~ wherein the ~~controller~~ player input interface and the ~~console input~~ audio/video interface are functionally integrated;

a network interface ~~coupled to the housing~~, wherein network connectivity is provided via the network interface to enable the local user to play the multiplayer game with at least one remote user over a network.

2. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 1, wherein the cartridge includes at least some rewritable memory elements.
3. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 1, further comprising software embodied in a computer-readable medium of the control circuitry that includes at least some elements that have been dynamically replaced or upgraded.
4. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a communication interface to at least one general purpose computing device;
 - software including at least one element capable of supporting interactive communication between the integrated console controller and the general purpose computing device.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the communication interface includes an input from a substantially remote supplemental controller console.
7. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the communication interface is capable of supporting a dynamic replacement or update of a software element of the software including at least one element.
8. (Currently Amended) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the software includes at least one element capable of supporting a game with multiple controllers consoles.

9. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the software includes at least one element capable of supporting a contest among multiple players, the contest being adjudicated at either one of the integrated elements, or at a server.

10. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 9, wherein the contest includes a memory having an aggregate measure or a statistical measure of scores achieved by multiple players, each one of the multiple players being associated with an instance of a game.

11. (Currently Amended) The integrated console controller of claim 1, including a communication interface to at least one supplemental controller console, the communication interface link being capable of supporting communication between the supplemental controller console and the integrated console controller.

12. (Currently Amended) The integrated console controller of claim 11, wherein the communication interface includes ~~a direct~~ an audio or video output from the supplemental controller console to an output external display device.

13. (Currently Amended) The integrated console controller of claim 11, wherein the communication interface includes an input from the supplemental controller console.

14. (Currently Amended) The integrated console controller of claim 11, further comprising software having at least one element capable of supporting a game with multiple controllers consoles.

15. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 11, further comprising software having at least one element capable of supporting a multiplayer game.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 21, further comprising a cartridge that includes at least some information capable of authenticating the software.

19. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 21, further comprising a cartridge that includes at least some information capable of replacing or upgrading the software.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a television;

a network;

a workstation, coupled to the network, capable of running a contest between a local user and a remote user;

a remote server, coupled to the workstation via the network, wherein, in operation, the remote server scores the contest between the local user and the remote user;

a remote device associated with the remote user, coupled to the workstation via the network, wherein the workstation is configured to receive a first input from the remote user;

an integrated console controller, including:

a housing with a hand-held form factor having a removable storage interface, wherein, in operation, a removable storage element is coupled to the integrated console controller via the removable storage interface;

an interface device, coupled to the housing, capable of coupling the integrated console controller to the television, the workstation, and a supplemental console controller, wherein the supplemental controller is configured to receive a second input from a second user;

control circuitry, coupled to the housing, comprising:

memory storing software~~[[.]]~~; and

a secure processor capable of executing or interpreting at least some instructions in the software, and capable of controlling operation of the software, whereby only authorized software can be executed or interpreted, wherein, in operation, the removable storage element includes information necessary for the authorization of the software~~[[.]]~~;

a player input interface, coupled to the housing, ~~through which the local user provides input associated with control of the workstation,~~ capable of receiving a third input from the local user to control actions associated with the contest;

~~an audio/video output interface, coupled to the housing, through which the local user provides input associated with control of the television for transmitting a signal to an external display device, wherein said signal comprises a video signal or a combination of a video signal and an audio signal;~~

wherein, in operation, said signal is associated with at least the second input and the third input.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the software includes at least some elements that have been dynamically replaced or upgraded.

Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the supplemental controller is connected with the integrated console controller through a coupler.

24. (New) A device having capabilities of a console and a controller, the device comprising:

- a housing capable of being hand-held, wherein the housing is configured to receive a removable storage;

- a user input coupled to the housing;

- a control circuitry coupled to the housing, the control circuitry including:

- a processor configured to execute code stored on the removable storage, said code being associated with a multiplayer game;

- an input interface for receiving a first control signal from a local user through the user input to control actions associated with the multiplayer game;

- an audio/video interface configured to transmit a video signal to an external display device;

- a supplemental controller interface configured to receive a second control signal from a supplemental controller connected to the device;

- wherein the audio/video interface and the input interface are functionally integrated;

- wherein, in operation, the processor interprets the code, the first control signal, and the second control signal;

- further wherein the video signal is associated with the code, the first control signal, and the second control signal.